Parents and children

Childcare facilities

Nurseries

The university campus has three nurseries for children of UNIL and EPFL staff and students: La Croq’cinelle, La Croquignole and Le Polychinelle, which accept children of from two months to four and a half years old.

• LA CROQ’CINELLE
  Quartier UNIL-Chamberonne
  Bâtiment Anthropole
  1015 Lausanne
  021 692 45 96
  croq.epfl.ch
  croqcinelle@unil.ch

• LA CROQUIGNOLE
  Chemin des Triaudes 16
  1024 Ecublens
  021 693 73 00
  croq.epfl.ch
  la_croquignole@epfl.ch

• LE POLYCHINELLE
  EPFL / Pavillon A
  Case postale 25
  1015 Lausanne
  021 693 73 14
  polychinelle.epfl.ch
  polychinelle@epfl.ch

Registration:
  Bureau d’information aux parents de la Ville de Lausanne
  lausanne.ch/bip
Primary school

Polykids/Unimômes offers two preschool classes (1P & 2P) and daycare facilities (UAPE) available from 7.45 until 6.30 pm, with lunch and afternoon tea.

Contact:
021 693 73 14
polychinelle@epfl.ch
equality.epfl.ch

Sick children and emergency childcare

• EMERGENCY CHILDCARE (SOS PARENTS)
  Do you need a childcare solution because of unexpected circumstances?
  In partnership with profawo, the UNIL Equal Opportunities Office offers
  the free services of an emergency nanny (max. 35 hrs/year) to UNIL members
  living in the Canton of Vaud.

  unil.ch/familles

• CROIX-ROUGE VAUDOISE
  The Red Cross Sick Children Babysitting Service sends a trained babysitter to your
  home. Childcare available day- and night-time, including weekends.

  Contact:
  021 340 00 80/81
  Monday to Friday from 7 am to midday and 1.30 to 5.30 pm

• RED CROSS LES KOALAS EMERGENCY CHILDCARE FACILITY
  The nursery accepts children (of 18 months to school age) of parents who are ill
  or temporary unable to care for them. Subject to the availability of places,
  Monday to Friday, from 7 am to 6 pm, chemin du Muveran 11, Lausanne

  Contact:
  021 323 14 15

Financial help (SOS Parents)

The UNIL Equal Opportunities Office can grant financial aid to parents for
childcare expenses.

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Holiday activities

ACTIVITY WEEKS FOR CHILDREN (SOS PARENTS)
The UNIL Equal Opportunities Office, in collaboration with l’éprouvette and
EPFL, offers activity weeks during the summer holidays for the children of UNIL
and EPFL staff and students.

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Other information and childcare options

• CROIX-ROUGE VAUDOISE
  The Red Cross offers a babysitting service and day-care network that guarantees
  trained supervision.

  Contact:
  021 340 00 80/81
  Monday to Friday from 7 am to midday and 1.30 to 5.30 pm
VILLE DE LAUSANNE
Provides information concerning preschool and extracurricular childcare, allowances or the Passeport vacances.

Contact:
Bureau d’information aux parents de la Ville de Lausanne
021 315 60 00 (10–12 am on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday)
lausanne.ch/bip
bip@lausanne.ch

CANTON DE VAUD
Useful addresses for childcare facilities or home childcare:
vaudfamille.ch

Maternity

PROTECTION OF PREGNANT WOMEN
The occupational health nurse will inform you regarding legal provisions and advise you about protective measures connected with your work.

Contact:
Infirmier·ère en santé au travail UNISEP
Annexe de la Mouline, bureau 2016
021 692 25 78
infirmierst@unil.ch

BREASTFEEDING
Mothers can get the keys to breastfeeding facilities from the Health Centre. These facilities are to be found in most of UNIL buildings. Find out more: unil.ch/familles/en > Parents and children > Facilities > Breastfeeding facilities
During their child’s first year, mothers are accorded paid time for breastfeeding. Find out more: unil.ch/familles/en > Being a parent at UNIL Guide (p. 16)

Contact:
Accueil santé UNIL,
Anthropole, bureau 1056
021 692 25 77
accueilsante@unil.ch

Information and advice

PARENTS’ CONTACT CAFE
The EPFL Parents’ Contact Cafe gives parents a chance to share their views and experiences regarding education and early childhood. Dates and topics are announced via the Info-Parents mailing list.

INFO-PARENTS MAILING LIST
To receive the Info-Parents news concerning the Contact Cafes, nurseries, holiday activities, and so on, please email the Equal Opportunities Office: egalite@unil.ch

ALSO CHECK OUT...
The guide
Being a parent at UNIL. Guide for (future) parents and managers
Available online: unil.ch/familles/en
The website Families at UNIL
unil.ch/familles/en
Family leave

- Maternity leave: 4 months
- Breastfeeding leave: 1 month following maternity leave
- Paternity leave: 5 working days
- Parental leave (unpaid): 5 days per year
- Carer leave:
- Extended leave for family reasons (unpaid): min. 6 months, max. 1 year
- Partial leave (unpaid): 12 days per year
- Important family circumstances: min. 2 weeks, max. 1 year
- Reduction of activity rate to min. 50% during max. 1 year
- Extended leave for family reasons (unpaid): up to 2 days
- Partial leave (unpaid): 4 days

For more information, please contact the Equal Opportunities Office or Human Resources (unil.ch/srh).

Couple and mobility

Are you a couple, both pursuing your careers at the same time, who want to reconcile your personal and professional lives? The Welcome Centre at UNIL welcomes all new arrivals and provides specific assistance for Dual Career Couples (DCC).

Contact
021 692 23 28
welcomecentre@unil.ch
unil.ch/welcomecentre

Family carers

Canton of Vaud

vd.ch > thèmes > soutien social et aides financières > proches aidants

Advice

People working or studying at UNIL can get personalised advice on caring for family members from the association profawo.

profawo.ch

Useful links

You will find more useful links on the website unil.ch/familles